

Newspaper Story Format

Name_____

Lead/Headline

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The 5 Ws
Who, What, Where, When, and Why

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Three Less Important Details

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One Final Detail

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Sources:

	Source 1	Source 2
Web Address:		
Article Title:		
Author:		
Date Accessed:		

1. Decide what your article will be about.
2. Research the topic of your article.
3. A Quality newspaper article should be between 150 - 250 words. Write your article using the template below.
4. Grab the reader's attention by using an opening sentence which is a question or something unexpected!
5. First paragraph: In the first few sentences, answer these questions!
Who?
What?
When?
Where?
Why
6. Now, give the details. It is always a good idea to include one or two quotes from people you interviewed. Write in the third person (he, she, it or they). Be objective. Use active verbs so the reader feels things are really happening!
7. Last paragraph: Round off your article. Try ending with a quote or a catchy phrase!
8. By-line: At the end, state who wrote the article; 'By'.
9. Decide where appropriate illustrations/pictures will be placed.
10. Proof-read your article and edit where needed.
11. Spell check your article!